

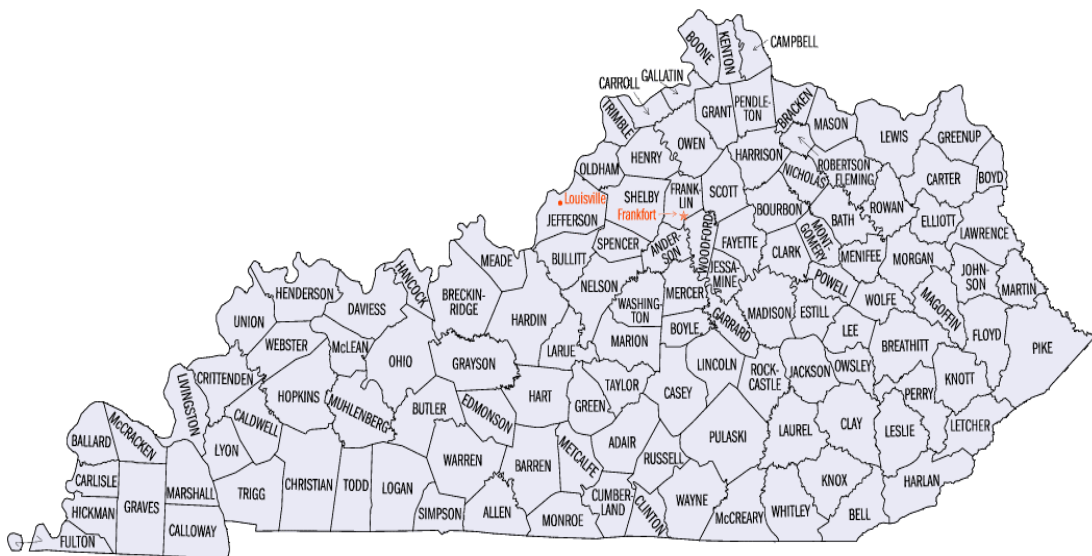
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Louisville, Kentucky

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 256,231
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 61.9% white; 32.8% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.4% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; 0.2% some other race; 1.5% two or more races; 1.9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of Louisville is located in Jefferson County.

Politics

- Mayor: Jerry E. Abramson²
- Louisville Metro Council (Wards 1-26, respectively): Denise Bentley; Barbara Shanklin; Mary C. Woolridge; Willie Bright; Cheri Bryant Hamilton; George Unseld; Kenneth C. Fleming; Tom Owen; Tina Ward-Pugh; Cyril Allgeier; Kevin Kramer; Rick Blackwell; Ron Weston; Robert Henderson; George Melton; Kelly Downard; Glen Stuckel; Julie Raque Adams; Hal Heiner; Stuart Benson; Dan Johnson; Robin Engel; James Peden; Madonna Flood; Doug Hawkins; Ellen Call³
- Louisville Chief of Police: Colonel Robert C. White⁴
- Jefferson County Sheriff: Colonel John Aubrey⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- Prevention and Education on AIDS in Kentucky (PEAK)⁶
The project provides outreach and intervention for drug users at high risk for HIV and AIDS in a two-city crossover design. PEAK offices are located in Louisville with a contract to the Volunteers of America, and in Lexington with a contract to the Community Action Council. This program places special emphasis on rural drug abusers.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
Since funding was first available through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program in 1998, there have been no grantees in Louisville.
- FY 2001 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary Funds awarded to Louisville grantees:⁸
 - Center for Mental Health Services
 - \$60,000 to Kentucky Consumer Advocacy Network, Consumer Networking Grants;
 - Center of Substance Abuse Treatment
 - \$479,000 to the Jefferson County Department of Corrections, Targeted Capacity Expansion
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁹
Louisville has not been officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site.

- There were no Louisville recipients of the FY 2002 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹⁰
- FY 2001 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federally Assisted Low-Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant recipients in Louisville:¹¹
 - \$175,218 to the New Directions Housing Corporation.
- Louisville did not receive any funding for the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.¹²

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2000, the crime index total for Louisville was 15,058.¹³ This number increased to 15,673 during 2001.¹⁴ Preliminary data for 2002 showed the crime index was 7,322 for Louisville between January and June.¹⁵

Index Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Louisville, 2000-June 2002

Offense Type	2000	2001	Jan-June 2002
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	36	25	14
Forcible rape	68	78	28
Robbery	1,079	989	459
Aggravated assault	853	823	469
Burglary	3,202	3,390	1,598
Larceny	7,512	7,934	3,674
Motor vehicle theft	2,308	2,434	1,080
Arson	273	249	102
Crime index total	15,058	15,673	7,322

- In Louisville/Jefferson County, there were 1,112 cocaine trafficking arrests during 2000 and 1,085 cocaine trafficking arrests during 2001.¹⁶

Arrests for Drug Trafficking, Selected Offenses, Louisville/Jefferson County, 2000-2001

Drug Type	2000	2001
Marijuana	805	804
Cocaine	1,112	1,085
Codeine	13	9
Heroin	26	29
Opiates	11	11
Methamphetamine	9	9
Amphetamines	9	9
Barbiturates	5	5
LSD	5	6
PCP	1	1
Steroids	1	1
Simulated drugs	9	10
Prescription drugs	-	3
Other drugs	204	203

- During 2001, there were 6,388 drug arrests for possession of marijuana in Louisville/Jefferson County.¹⁷

Arrests for Drug Possession, Selected Offenses, Louisville/Jefferson County, 2000-2001

Drug Type	2000	2001
Marijuana	6,357	6,388
Cocaine	1,453	1,445
Codeine	42	47
Heroin	22	22
Opiates	9	8
Amphetamines	14	15
Barbiturates	5	6
LSD	19	18
PCP	4	4
Hallucinogens	10	9
Steroids	5	5
Simulated drugs	5	5
Other drugs	544	568

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁸
Powder cocaine is available in urban areas such as Louisville in ounce to kilogram quantities. Crack cocaine is also available in ounce to pound quantities. Prices for kilogram quantities of cocaine decreased from \$25,000-\$30,000 during 1995 to \$18,000-\$24,000 during 2000.
- Heroin¹⁹
Local law enforcement in Louisville report an increased availability of heroin.
- Methamphetamine²⁰
Methamphetamine is increasingly available in Louisville. Prices for a gram of methamphetamine increased from \$100 during 1995 to \$100-\$120 during 2000. Prices per pound for methamphetamine decreased from \$13,000 during 1995 to \$6,000-\$10,000 during 2000.
- Marijuana²¹
Prices per pound of marijuana have decreased slightly from \$1,800-\$2,400 during 1995 to \$1,800 during 2000.
- Club Drugs²²
From 1993 to 2000, there were 82 documented raves held in Louisville, accounting for 50% of all known rave activity in Kentucky during that time period.

Juveniles

- During 2001, there were 1,804 juvenile violent crime arrests in Louisville/Jefferson County.²³

Juvenile Violent Crime Arrests, Louisville/Jefferson County, 2000-2001

Offense Type	2000	2001
Homicide	9	5
Attempted homicide	2	-
Rape	6	6
Robbery	87	63
Assault misdemeanor	693	809
Assault felony	348	240
Burglary misdemeanor	345	292
Burglary felony	345	389
Total	1,835	1,804

- During 2001, there were 650 juvenile drug arrests in Louisville/Jefferson County. 47 of these arrests were for trafficking of marijuana.²⁴

Juvenile Drug Arrests, Selected Offenses, Louisville/Jefferson County, 2000-2001

Drug Type	2000	2001
<i>Trafficking</i>		
Marijuana	47	42
Cocaine	76	52
Codeine	2	-
LSD	-	1
Simulated drugs	1	2
Other drugs	12	12
<i>Possession</i>		
Marijuana	302	276
Cocaine	46	33
Codeine	-	4
Opiates	1	-
Amphetamine	-	1
LSD	1	-
Hallucinogens	1	-
Simulated drugs	1	1
Other drugs	15	31

Enforcement

- As of October 2001, there were 956 law enforcement employees in Louisville (713 officers and 243 civilians).²⁵

Trafficking and Seizures

- Street gang activity has decreased significantly since 1996 mostly due to increased local law enforcement pressure.²⁶
- Drugs destined for distribution in Kentucky are transported primarily to Louisville, which serves as a major distribution center.²⁷

- Methamphetamine is usually transported in 1-3 pound quantities to urban areas such as Louisville by commercial or private vehicles.²⁸
- Law enforcement reported an increased number of assaults, robberies, and homicides correlating with increases in cocaine distribution.²⁹
- Local independent Caucasian dealers are the primary retail distributors of heroin in the Louisville area, although Mexican criminal groups also distribute heroin at the retail level, but to a lesser extent.³⁰
- Mexican and African American criminal groups transport powder cocaine from California, Illinois, New York and Texas to Louisville.³¹
- During February 2000, undercover agents in Louisville purchased more than 8,100 tablets of morphine, Dilaudid, and methadone sold by Ohio pharmacy employees. These diverted tablets had an estimated street value of \$25-\$175 per dosage unit.³²
- During June 2000, the Louisville task force seized 7.3 kilograms of marijuana from a package delivery shipment.³³
- During June 2001, a Louisville task force seized 288 dosage units of ketamine shipped from San Diego via a package delivery service in Louisville.³⁴
- During 2000, local police departments seized \$17,373,000 worth of marijuana in Louisville/Jefferson County.³⁵

Estimated Value of Drug Seizures, Louisville/Jefferson County, 2000

Drug Type	Estimated Dollar Value
Marijuana	\$17,373,000
Cocaine (powder)	2,820,000
Cocaine (crack)	718,000
Opiates	685,000
Steroids	358,000
Total	\$21,954,000

- During 2000, there were 8,686 pounds of marijuana seized in Louisville/Jefferson County.³⁶

Drugs Seized and Purchased, Louisville/Jefferson County, 2000

Drug Type	2000
Marijuana (pounds)	8,686*
Hashish, hash oil, psilocyn (grams)	89
Cocaine (kilograms)	28
Crack cocaine (kilograms)	9
Heroin (grams)	239
Opiates	12,031 grams/8,179 ml/23,137 dosage units
Methamphetamine (grams)	1,412
Other stimulants	5,289 dosage units/0.5 grams
Depressants	18,511 dosage units/242 milliliters (ml)
LSD	293 dosage units
Steroids	108 pounds/180 milliliters/594 dosage units

* There were 490 marijuana plants seized or purchased during 2000.

Courts

➤ Drug Courts³⁷

As of January 2003, there were 3 drug courts in Louisville. Two drug courts had been operating for over 2 years and 1 had been recently implemented.

➤ During 2001, there were 4,861 drug sentences in Louisville/Jefferson County, 50% of which were for marijuana related offenses.³⁸

Drug Sentences, Selected Offenses, Louisville/Jefferson County, 2001

Offense Type	2001
Marijuana	2,477
Cocaine	617
Codeine	10
Heroin	13
Opiates	15
Methamphetamine	14
Amphetamine	13
Barbiturates	1
LSD	2
PCP	1
Inhalants	6
Simulated drugs	13
Other drugs	633

Corrections

➤ As of January 2, 2002, 23% of the total inmate population in Kentucky were convicted in Jefferson County.³⁹

Consequences of Use

➤ Cocaine-related emergency room incidents decreased from 424 during 2000 to 283 during 2001.⁴⁰

Drug-Related Emergency Room Incidents, Louisville/Jefferson County, 1999-2001

Drug Type	1999	2000	2001
Marijuana	190	233	194
Cocaine	399	424	283
Codeine	13	6	3
Opiates	36	59	16
Stimulants	226	16	8
Barbiturates	48	106	69
Hallucinogens	8	3	0
Benzodiazepines	11	0	4
Inhalants	0	0	1
Unknown/Other	362	271	982
Total	1,293	1,118	1,560

- During 2001, there were 92 drug-related deaths reported to Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) by Medical Examiners (ME) in Jefferson County.⁴¹

Number of Drug Deaths and Drug Mentions, Jefferson County, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Alcohol-in-combination	33	34	25	38	27
Cocaine	32	30	19	27	35
Heroin/morphine	1	3	2	10	3
Marijuana	29	29	16	45	29
Amphetamines	4	--	2	8	7
Methamphetamine	3	--	2	3	--
Club drugs	--	--	--	1	--
Hallucinogens	--	1	--	--	1
Inhalants	1	2	--	5	1
Narcotic analgesic	24	40	50	77	106
Other analgesics	18	22	18	34	13
Benzodiazepines	18	33	29	67	51
Antidepressants	26	28	31	37	27
All other substances	25	37	39	36	32
Total drug deaths	77	80	61	109	92
Total drug mentions	214	259	233	388	332

Treatment

- Methadone/Opiate Rehabilitation and Education (MORE) Center⁴²
This center provides medically monitored drug treatment and related counseling services to patients who are physiologically dependent on illicit drugs. The center's mission is to empower people addicted to illicit drugs to discontinue use and improve their quality of life. During FY 2001, of the 42,300 urine drug tests administered, 97.6% were compliant (not positive for drugs).
- The cities of Louisville, Lexington, and Covington have the largest number of patients seeking treatment for heroin addiction.⁴³
- During 2001, there were 1,113 cocaine clients in treatment programs in Louisville/Jefferson County.⁴⁴

Number of Clients in Treatment Programs, Louisville/Jefferson County, 2001

Drug Type	Inpatient	Outpatient	Total
Marijuana	168	246	414
Cocaine	574	539	1,113
Opiates	185	81	266
Stimulants	26	20	46
Barbiturates	24	36	60
Hallucinogens	38	15	53
Unknown/Other	70	102	172
Total	1,085	1,039	2,124

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